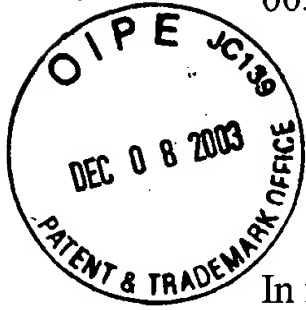


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

ANDREAS GERHARD BAAR ET AL.

Application No.: 09/029,408

Filed: October 1, 1998

For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
MOULDINGS WITH A BARRIER
LAYER MADE OF
BIODEGRADABLE MATERIAL
AND MOULDINGS PRODUCED
ACCORDING TO THIS PROCESS

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Examiner: S. Nolan

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2003, a response to which is due by December 21, 2003, applicants respectfully request that the above-captioned application be amended as follows: